not intending however to have used it as a "threat", as you seem to have rec'd it; but merely to express my feelings in regard to the necessity of ~~this~~ punctuality, and to intimate that I could not get along when it was not regarded. —

I hope this freedom between us will strengthen, rather than weaken, the bonds of our friendship — & on my part I feel sure of this result — remembering that "faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful"

Now, with regard to your finances, if you are indebted to any one, please tell me in all freedom the am't — And I will endeavour to devise some means for your relief — —

With my best regards for the welfare of yourself & family I remain your attached friend

Saml Philbrick

once occurred to me; I express'd myself in great freedom, because of the friendship which has always from our earliest acquaintance subsisted between us — and I was not aware of giving you the slightest occasion of thinking that I "seemingly treated your delay as a purposed wrong" —; this idea never entered my heart

With regard to punctuality in getting the Liberator to the Press, — I supposed there had been many omissions or delays; as friend Wallcut had repeatedly spoken to me in regard to this, with much feeling — and gave me to understand that he could not possibly get along under this embarrassment, and knowing, as I did, your natural tendency to procrastination, & feeling this to be a matter of business that could be rectified, as well as to suffer its continuance, I express'd myself in terms which you seem to think "too summarily" — Perhaps they were so. ~~so~~, but I claim some extenuation on this point, from the fact, that I have ever consider'd punctuality the life & success of all business — & without it there can be neither — & it has ever been my practice to conscientiously perform this duty — and to this may be, in great measure, imputed my success in every undertaking ~~in~~ of a business character; — And I have seen a feeling of impatience at negligence on this point, that I never have, & I think I never could, submit to be connected with it; unless I conceived it to be a duty under some particular or mitigating exigency —

I offer this as an explanation to my summary language

Brooklyn Jan. 5. 1854

My Dear friend

I very much regret having made use of any language in my former letter, that you could have construed as "susceptible of impeaching your moral integrity" — Nothing could have been far thus from my feelings — Mr May had informed me that he had repeatedly urged your rendering in your account, & spoke very feelingly his regrets at your delay and I supposed that all your journeys to Ohio & Michigan & to Philad'a were to be taken into your account & expected to have a long account of contributions, & a large balance to pay you; & I felt apprehensive that your omitting to render your account in time to be included in the Treasurer's Yearly Acc't, would cause some jealousies to operate against you — I did not need any explanation to satisfy me of the cause; for this I perfectly understood: — ~~and~~ My fears that your omission would operate to your injury in the minds of the (as I supposed) numerous contributors, induced me to speak in that frank unguarded language that will not be misconstrued among true friends, whose feelings & objects are perfectly understood by each other — And if I have in the least degree wounded your feelings I sincerely regret it — Nothing could have been further from my intentions. — The idea of ~~that~~ any thing designedly wrong on your part, never